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SUBJECT: WEINBERGER VISIT USSR AND POLAND

REF: (A) MOSCOW 9675; (B) MOSCOW 9176

1. APPRECIATE REF A, INCUDLING ADVICE ON PACE AND CONTENT VISIT. SECRETARY WEINBERGER DESIRES THREE SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS DAILY WHEN IN MOSCOW IF CAN BE EFFECTIVELY ARRANGED; OTHERWISE TWO SATISFACTORY.
2. SECRETARY ACCEPTS RECOMMENDATION PARA 2 REF A, AND HEW MAKING RESERVATIONS BE FLT 673.
3. IN VIEW THIS CHANGE, HEW PLANNING HAVE INTERPRETER LEAVE MOSCOW WITH DELEGATION. THUS SOVIETS SHOULD PROVIDE HIS ACCOMMODATION SEPTEMBER 6TH ALONG WITH DELEGATION.
4. ASSUMPTION REF A, PARA 3, CORRECT. WE HAVE ADVISED PENTAGON THAT AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE NOT RPT NOT NEEDED, BUT OFFER GREATLY APPRECIATED.
5. RE REF A, PARA 5, YOUR SUGGESTED VISITS ARE FINE.

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LADIES MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN FOLLOWING VISITS BY SECRETARY

AND PARTY OUTLINED REF A AND B:

- (A) EXPERIMENTAL ONCOLOGY
- (B) MYASNIKOV INSTITUTE
- (C) ACADEMY MEDICAL SCIENCES

EMBASSY SHOULD FEEL FREE BLEND THESE POSSIBLE VISITS WITH ITEMS ON LADIES' SEPARATE ITINERARY, WITH OPTION FOR FREE TIME.

6. PRESS ARRANGEMENTS PER REF A, PARA 6 SATISFACTORY. PLEASE PROCEED ARRANGE WITH SOVIETS FOR JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH PETROVSKY. TEXT OF DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT BEING CABLED SEPTEL. WILL WELCOME SUGGESTIONS RE TEXT.

7. RE SCHEDULE REF B THROUGH SEPT. 3 AND SEPT. 4 - 7 PER PARA 7, REF A, HEW HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) SCHEDULE PER REF B ACCEPTABLE THROUGH SEPT. 3. NOTING THEATER SCHEDULE SEPT. 1, HEW WISHES EMPHASIZE SECRETARY'S INTEREST OPERA AND BALLET.

(B) REF PARA 7, REF A, PREFER VARIANT INCLUDING TASHKENT AREA, AND NOT RPT NOT YEREVAN ALTERNATIVE, IF SOVIETS CAN ARRANGE. APPRECIATE ARRANGING KOMAROVA VISIT, BUT THIS COULD BE SACRIFICED IF TIME PRESSURES TOO GREAT.

(C) SECRETARY ALSO INTERESTED VISITING LENINGRAD. EMBASSY SHOULD CONSIDER THIS IF TASHKENT VARIANT NOT FEASIBLE. AGREE WITH EMBASSY VALUE TO DELEGATION OF SEEING CENTRAL ASIAN CULTURE. IF VISIT TO LENINGRAD ARRANGED, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT SECRETARY MIGHT MEET MADAME BECHTEREVA, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE.

8. AGREE WITH SUGGESTION REF A, PARA 1, THAT OFFICIALS FROM SEMASHKO INSTITUTE SHOULD BE INVITED SPASO HOUSE AS WELL AS OFFICIALS OTHER INSTITUTIONS SECRETARY UNABLE VISIT. HEW REQUESTS EMBASSY TRANSMIT SOONEST SUGGESTED GUEST LIST FOR SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION, AND MAXIMUM NUMBER THAT CAN ATTEND, GIVEN SPACE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS; ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NUMBER THAT MIGHT BE INVITED TO ALLOW FOR NON-ACCEPTANCES. ASSUME SPOUSES SHOULD BE INVITED. PLEASE INFORM SOONEST RE ANY LADIES' AND MEN'S NEEDS FOR FORMAL CLOTHING.

9. REQUEST EMBASSY CONSIDER ACTIVITIES, E.G. SEMASHKO OR PETROVSKY INSTITUTES, FOR "HEALTH" MEMBERS DELEGATION DURING SECRETARY'S CALLS ON SUCH OFFICIALS AS KOMAROVA AND YELYUTIN. SEPARATE OPTION FOR LADIES SHOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

10. SECRETARY WEINBERGER ASKED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN REPORTERS IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ACCOMPANYING HIM TO USSR. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL EVINced SOME INTEREST, NO FIRM DECISIONS YET, AND HEW BELIEVES LIKELY NONE RPT NONE WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY. LIKELY THAT MURRAY SEIGER OF LOS ANGELES TIMES MOSCOW BUREAU WILL WISH MEET WITH SECRETARY, WHO WILLING DO SO. ROGERS

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